



CHILDREN & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

January 2025

RACE BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Move over Formula One and Nascar! Redeemer's 2024-2025 second-semester launch of Sunday School will be a race - "Race Back to Sunday School"- on Sunday, January 12, after the 9 a.m. mass in Gillespie Hall.

Partner classes - Kindergarten and 5th, 1st and 6th, 2nd and 7th, 3rd and 8th, 4th and High School - have worked together to design and build cardboard race cars. On the morning of the 12th, the Sunday School teachers will race!

Who will win? Be there to cheer on your favorite team!

JUST DO IT!

It's time for our winter offering for elementary schoolers, **Just Do It**, which begins on Wednesday, January 15, at 6-7 p.m. Each week, a parishioner will teach about his or her area of expertise, and the children will try their hand at doing it!

The 2025 lineup includes Chef Jeff Trefry, Potter Charlotte Smith, Draftsman Jason Kubisiak, Puppeteers Marcia Miller and Monica Miller, Woodworker Ian McGowan, and a surprise guest with a hidden talent (hint: you can sometimes find him in the pulpit on Sundays!)

Registration is still open but spots are limited. Don't delay! Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register today.





MOVIE ON THE LAWN

It's our annual Movie and Supper on the Lawn, and we can't wait to see you there! Join us on Friday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Our feature film is *The Wild Robot*.

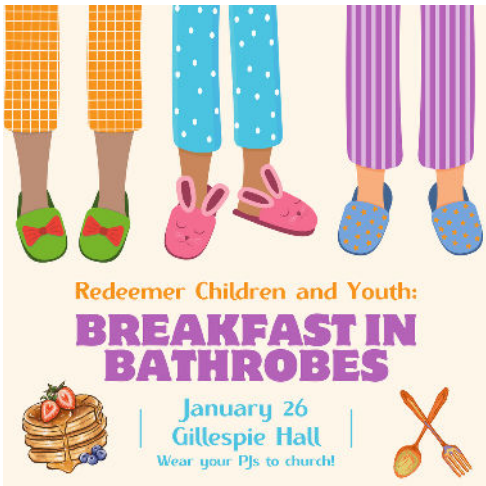
Supper, cotton candy, and popcorn will be provided. Bring something for your family to sit on and the adult beverage of your choice. This is the perfect night to invite a friend to Redeemer!

For planning purposes, sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

BREAKFAST IN BATHROBES

Redeemer's Annual Parish Meeting is on Sunday, January 26, and that means it's time for our annual Breakfast in Bathrobes with an added treat: Candy Bingo!

While parents are in the meeting, which follows the 8:45 a.m. mass (yes, it's an earlier start time for the 9 a.m. mass), Kindergarten through 12th graders will join Youth Minister Jackie Overton and Director of Children's Formation Mandy Latta in Gillespie Hall for the fun. It's also the Sunday that kids can wear their pajamas to church!



St. Scholastica Recipients!

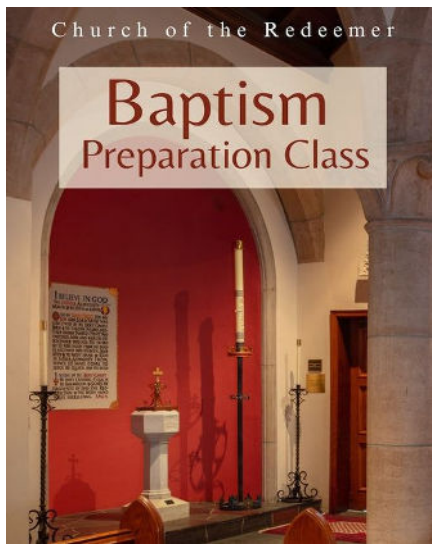


ST. SCHOLASTICA GRANTS

One of Redeemer's outreach projects is the St. Scholastica Grants program for full-time teachers in Kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms in Sarasota and Manatee county public schools. Support for this important outreach project, which provides grants to teachers for essential classroom enhancements, comes from Redeemer's Mission & Outreach Committee, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the sale of Vacation Bible School artwork, and generous donors.

This year, we received applications from nearly 450 teachers, and through the support of the parish and our community, we hope to award 80 St. Scholastica Grants!

The grants will be presented to teachers in their classrooms in mid-January, and our recipients will be honored at Redeemer on Sunday, March 2, during the 9 a.m. mass.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

A one-session Baptism Preparation Class will be offered on Sunday, January 5, at 10:10 a.m. in Room 220, which is on the second floor landing of the Robinson Center.

The class is designed for anyone who would like to be baptized (children, adults, and parents of babies). So we can prepare, please email Director of Children's Formation Mandy Latta at MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org if you plan to attend.

PARISH BABY SHOWER

Redeemer's Daughters of the King will host a Baby Shower for clients of Mothers Helping Mothers on Sunday, January 5, between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses in Gillespie Hall. We will hear a presentation from Mothers Helping Mothers and then load up cars with donations.

Requested items include diapers, wipes, kids' underwear, socks, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, towels, sheets, blankets, dishes, pots, pans, clothing, and gently used baby equipment (please no car seats or cribs).

Please bring your donations to the Redeemer office or to Gillespie Hall the morning of the event. Contact parishioner Andrea Lee with questions at 941-284-8140. Thank you for your help with this important effort!



WOMEN OF REDEEMER



Women of Redeemer will host Wine, Women, and the Word with Carrie Headington on Thursday, January 9, from 6-8 p.m.

Headington is Canon Evangelist of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas and founder of The Good News Initiative, an organization that provides evangelism resources around the world.

A reception will follow in Gillespie Hall. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



Sunday, January 5: All-Parish Baby Shower for Mothers Helping Mothers, 10:10 a.m., Gillespie Hall

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Monday, January 6: Feast of the Epiphany Mass, 6 p.m., reception to follow in the St. Francis Garden

Thursday, January 9: Wine, Women, and the Word Women of Redeemer Event, 6-8 p.m., Church

Sunday, January 12: Race Back to Sunday School, after the 9 a.m. mass, Gillespie Hall

Wednesday, January 15-February 26: Just Do It, 6-7 p.m., Gillespie Hall

Friday, January 24: Movie on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Courtyard. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Sunday, January 26: Annual Parish Meeting & Breakfast in Bathrobes, following the 8:45 a.m. mass. Note: This mass starts earlier because of the Annual Parish Meeting. K-12 students are invited to Breakfast in Bathrobes in Gillespie Hall and to wear their pajamas to church that morning!

Children's Chapel, most Sundays, during the 9 a.m. mass

Nurseries are open on the second floor of the Robinson Center during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses on Sundays for children under 4. The nurseries open on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are open through the 11 a.m. mass. The nurseries are also open on Holy Days throughout the year.

Sunday School is offered weekly for VPK-12th grades. Students go to class immediately after receiving communion at the 9 a.m. mass. VPK-8th grades meet on the second floor of the Robinson Center. High School meets in the Babcock Youth Center. Classes are offered during the 1 p.m. mass in Spanish. **Classes will not be held on Sunday, January 5.**

Redeemer Choir School for grades K-12 meets on Wednesdays from 4-5:45 p.m. To register, email Redeemer Organist-Choirmaster Sam Nelson at SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org.

The acolyte program is open to children and youth in 1st grade and up. Acolytes serve at all masses and special services. To register, contact parishioner Jody Maxwell at jody@jjmcpa.net.



For more information about Children and Families at Redeemer, contact Director of Children's Formation Mandy Latta at MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org.